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Ronald Reagan's private and public careers splendidly reflect the vision and spirit with which General William J. Donovan created the Office of Strategic Services to provide intelligence and support resistance against totalitarianism in World War II.

Today, nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America are suffering under totalitarian regimes. In these countries, hundreds of thousands of people are struggling to regain their freedom. Ronald Reagan, in proclaiming the Reagan Doctrine, lifted the will and the spirit of these gallant men and women.

All of our citizens are threatened today by nations which practice violence as an instrument of foreign policy. Ronald Reagan's bold and decisive action has galvanized the international community to more effective cooperation and action against the scourge of terrorism.

Through his public persona--his speeches and policies--Ronald Reagan has rallied the world to the cause of democracy, predicting the ultimate doom of totalitarianism and the eventual triumph of representative government.

Nowhere has his commitment to this forward strategy for freedom been more evident than in Ronald Reagan's untiring efforts to restore America's Intelligence Community to a place of preeminence. Upon entering office, Ronald Reagan issued a call to change and his subsequent support has been unstinting. The attention he has paid to the Intelligence Community, the value he has placed on its work, the resources he and the Congress have put at their disposal--all reflect one of the signal and historic achievements of the Reagan Presidency: the restoration of one of America's greatest bulwarks of freedom--our ability to know and understand the purposes of foreign adversaries.

Today, the American intelligence services are now writing a brilliant new chapter in their annals. Ronald Reagan's leadership has brightened the flame lighted by William J. Donovan and held high for 15 years by President Eisenhower.

A former Army officer, leader of the movie industry, two-term Governor of California and President of the United States, and longtime missionary to the American public on the importance of national security in a dangerous world, Ronald Reagan has marked for himself in history a place as one of America's greatest Presidents.